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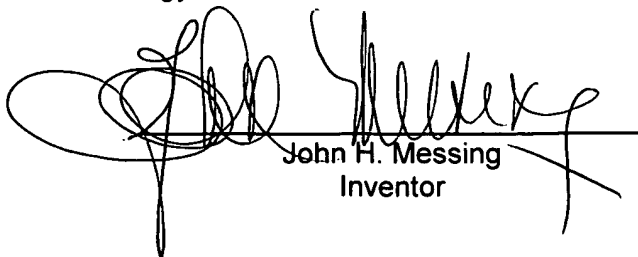
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Affidavit

JOHN H. MESSING, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says:

1. He is the applicant in Serial Number 09/081,872. He is fully competent to testify to that which follows.
2. The invention which is the subject of this application has received academic and professional recognition. It is the subject of a law review article entitled "Electronic Court Filing in The Pima County Small Claims Court -- Technical Parameters, Adopted Solutions, and Some of the Legal Issues Involved", 38 Jurimetrics J. 397-406 (1998)(American Bar Association) and the Justice Court was named one of the top ten court websites in the Spring of 2000, see <http://www.justiceserved.com>, in large part because of the benefits of the invention.
3. The invention has been commercially used by the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court under contract since May, 1998, and a second court is currently negotiating for the use of the technology.


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Acknowledged before me this 27 day of December 2000 by John H. Messing, known to me as such.

Harriet Plumb Messing
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

